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The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2108 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Markey:

I understand that an amendment may be offered in the Energy and Commerce Committee that would adversely affect Massachusetts by changing the formula for distribution of Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funding to the states. As you know, we have just come through one of the coldest winters on record, home-heating oil prices have skyrocketed, and our fiscal resources are severely stretched.

Changing the LIHEAP formula to steer funds away from our state would be a severe blow to our poorest citizens and to the state's ability to meet other pressing social needs. I strongly support your efforts to preserve the existing distribution formula and to prevent any erosion in these much-needed funds for our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mitt Romney".

Mitt Romney  
Governor